THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) and (b) The concerned UN Organisation has assured us that there is no discrimination in assistance being provided to Afghan nationals curently resident in India.

Migration to Other Countries by Indian Settlers in Fiji

1527. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an increasing number of India settlers in Fiji are selling off their property and migrating to other countries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their migration; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports to the effect that some persons of Indian origin are migrating from Fiji due to certain economic and social reasons.

(c) Since the persons in question are Fijian nationals of Indian origin Government regard this as an internal affair of Fiji.

Citizenship for India-Born Nepalese Children

1528. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in December, 1986 in Darjeeling the Prime Minister had stated that granting of citizenship to Nepalese children born in India after 1950 was warranting serious thought and would be looked into as per the report in the *Times of India* dated 21st December, 1986; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The words attributed to the Prime Minister are not correct. The Prime Minister stated the correct position under law, which is under the provisions of Articles 5 and 6 of the Constitution of India read with Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, children born in India, irrespective of the national status of their parents are automatically citizens of India. This position will continue till the amendments made *vide* Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1986, to Citizenship Act come into force.

Inclusion of Nepali Language in The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

1529. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December last the Prime Minister had stated in Darjeeling that three or four languages were waiting to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and that Nepalese was one of them as reported in the Statesman of the 21st December, 1986; if so, what are the names of the languages and the action taken so far in this regard;

(b) whether some amendments in the Constitution are to be made to meet this and some other demands of the Nepalese; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The news item which appeared in the